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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF MAINE NEAR EAST SEMINAR

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1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS MOROCCAN EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR MOHAMMED BENJELLOUN WHO IS WELL-INFORMED AND WELL-CONNECTED IN BOTH PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AS CANDIDATE SPEAKER FOR MAINE SEMINAR.

2. EMBASSY ALSO SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION OF JOHN HABBERTON, PRESIDENT OF THE BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING (BCIU) OF NYC AS ONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE AREA AND WHO RAN SUCCESSFUL BCIU TOUR TO MOROCCO RECENTLY.

3. IF U OF MAINE INTENDS TO PAY TRAVEL AND IS INTERESTED IN NAMES OF PROMINENT MOROCCAN MINISTERS, E.G., TAIEB BENCHEIKH (SECSTATE FOR PLANNING) OR MOHAMMED BENHIMA (MIN OF COOPERATION) TO PARTICIPATE IN SEMINAR, EMBASSY PREPARED TO SUBMIT BIOS AND FURTHER NAMES, THOUGH APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIALS WITH FLUENT ENGLISH ARE FEW.

4. AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS HAD SUCCESS IN MOROCCO AND COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SEMINAR IS LARRY MCDOWELL, PRESIDENT OF RALPH E. LOPER COMPANY OF SOUTH CAROLINA. FIRM IS SUBSIDIARY OF LOCKWOOD-GREENE CORP OF NYC WHICH WAS ALSO RECENTLY AWARDED SUBSTANTIAL ENGINEERING CONTRACT. MCDOWELL HAS VISITED MOROCCO SEVERAL TIMES IN RECENT PAST AND IS WELL-ACQUAINTED

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WITH BUSINESS CLIMATE AND USAGES. HE MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO SUGGEST ADDITIONAL NAMES.

5. PRESUME DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED WITH LARON JENSEN AND  
CHERIE LOUSTANAU OF USDOC. EMBASSY ALSO NOTES LIKELIHOOD  
THAT CASABLANCA COMMERCIAL OFFICER FISHER WILL PROBABLY BE  
AVAILABLE ON HOME LEAVE AFTER THREE YEARS OF PARTICULAR  
COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IN MOROCCO.

6. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT AMBASSADOR NEUMANN MAY BE IN  
US AT TIME OF MAINE SEMINAR AND MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY A  
ROLE IF APPROACHED EARLY ENOUGH. NEUMANN

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